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SUBJECT: DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER

- 1. WHITE HOUSE SPECIAL ACTION OFFICE FOR DRUG ABUSE PRE-VENTION AND HEW NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE HAVE REVIEWED GRANT APPLICATION BY MS. BETTY CHAPMAN FOR DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER TO BE ESTABLISHED IN TEHRAN. SEVERAL PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED AND FURTHER PLANNING AND CLARIFICATIONS WILL BE NECESSARY BEFORE FUNDING CAN BE PROVIDED.
- 2. PRIMARY PROBLEM WHICH SAO HAS WITH GRANT APPLICATION IS THAT THERE IS NO APPLICANT ORGANIZATION LISTED, ONLY A PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, MS. CHAPMAN. IT IS THE POLICY OF SAO NOT TO GIVE ANY GRANTS TO PROGRAMS FOR AMERICANS RESIDING IN FOREIGN NATIONS TO INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATORS, ONLY TO CAREFULLY STRUCTURED ORGANIZATIONS OR ASSOCIATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH CAN BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND CONTINUATION

OF INNOVATIVE DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS IN THEIR COMMUNITY. FOR THIS REASON, IT IS REQUIRED THAT AN APPLICANT ORGANIZATION APPEAR ON GRANT APPLICATION AND THAT RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OF THAT ORGANIZATION SIGN GRANT APPLICATION AS WELL AS PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR. WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION FROM TEHRAN CONCERNING MAKE-UP

OF CONTACT HOUSE ORGANIZATION, IF THAT IS TO SERVE AS APPLICANT ORGANIZATION. SAO IS FAMILIAR WITH EARLY EFFORTS OF EMBASSY TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE TYPE OF ORGANIZATION, HOWEVER, SAO IS CONCERNED THAT CONTACT HOUSE ORGANIZATION MUST BE SOLIDIFIED IN ORDER TO BECOME APPLICANT ORGANIZATION FOR GRANT PURPOSES. ALTHOUGH THE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO RECEIVE GRANTS AND CONTRACTS IN OTHER AMERICAN COMMUNITES ABROAD HAVE VARIED SOMEWHAT, SAO PREFERS COMMUNITY-BASED, EMBASSY SUPPORTED NONPROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR ASSOCIATION. ALTHOUGH REGISTRATION WITH OR APPROVAL BY GOVERNMENT OF IRAN IS NOT NECESSARY FOR SAO FUNDING PURPOSES, EMBASSY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE UNDER GRANT FOR CONFIDENTIALITY OF PATIENT RECORDS AND SHOULD BE WILLING OR IN POSITION TO SUPPORT ASSOCIATION IN EVENT CLASHES OCCUR WITH IRANIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. CAREFUL STRUCTURE FOR ADMINISTRA-TIVE FISCALPURPOSES MUST BE ESTABLISHED, AND IT IS PRE-FERRED THAT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OR PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR USE OF GRANT FUNDS BE EMBASSY OFFICIAL OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE PERSON IN AMERICAN COMMUNITY. ASSOCIATION MUST BE IN POSITION TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIRING AND IF NECES-SARY FIRING AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR EMPLOYEES, INSURANCE, POLICY AND FISCAL DECISIONS, AND OTHER SUCH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HELPING PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR SOLICIT COMMUNITY FINANCIAL AS WELL AS VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FOR TREATMENT PROGRAM. SAO ALSO ADVISES IT IS RECOMMENDED TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE ATTORNEY AS AN OFFICER OF ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE LEGAL ADVISE.

3. SAO STRESSES MOST IMPORTANT ROLE IN ESTABLISHING AND SUPPORTING COMMUNITY TREATMENT PROGRAM IS THAT OF EMBASSY. ONLY WAY SAO CAN FUND TREATMENT PROGRAMS LOCATED IN FOREIGN NATIONS IS FOR EMBASSY TO AGREE TO RETAIN RECORDS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PATIENTS IN CONFIDENTIAL MANNER ON EMBASSY PROPERTY, IN ORDER THAT THEY ARE SECURE FROM SEIZURE BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT. STORAGE ON EMBASSY PROPERTY DOES NOT ENTITLE EMBASSY OFFICIALS TO ILLEGAL ACCESS TO SUCH RECORDS, HOWEVER. SUPPORT OF AMBASSADOR AND OTHER EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES HAS PROVED TO BE VITAL IN SUCCESS OF OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

4. SAO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW EXTENT OF COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF CONTACT HOUSE ORGANIZATION. SAO HAS FOUND THAT SUCCESS OF TREATMENT PROGRAMS DIRECTLY RELATED TO PARTICIPATION AND CONCERN OF LOCAL COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS EMBASSY SUPPORT. ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF END OF SPECIAL ACTION OFFICE IN JULY 1975, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT

LOCAL FUNDING BE CONSIDERED TO INSURE FUTURE OF TREATMENT PROGRAM.

- 5. DR. JOHN BENVENUTO, CONSULTANT TO SAO AND NIDA PHYSICIAN WHO WAS RECENTLY IN TEHRAN AND CONSULTED WITH COMMUNITY OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPMENT OF TREATMENT PROGRAM HAS WRITTEN LETTER IN CONSULTATION WITH COWAN (SAO) TO MS. CHAPMAN CONCERNING FURTHER CONCERNS WHICH DR. BENVENUTO HAS WITH TREATMENT METHODOLOGY AND OTHER ITEMS COVERED IN GRANT APPLICATION. FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THESE MATTERS WILL BE NECESSARY BEFORE GRANT CAN BE MADE.
- 6. CANDACE COWAN, CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, SAO, WILL BE TRAVELING TO NEW DELHI FOR NEA NARCOTIC COORDINATORS CONFERENCE NOV. 19-20, 1974. IF IT WILL PROVE HELPFUL, COWAN WILLING TO VISIT IN TEHRAN TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS AND CLARIFY GRANT APPLICATION, PERHAPS FURTHER EXPLAINING DIFFICULTIES AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS. IF EMBASSY AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION SO DESIRE, PLEASE NOTIFY ASAP. INGERSOLL

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